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Sir:

Attached is a completed Form PTO-1449 and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon.
Following are comments on these references pursuant to Rule 98:

Patent No. 5,456,210 to Miller which describes a watering system for poultry and the like. The system includes a deflector bell which guides water jets downward into a cup. A perceived problem with this system is that if water is ejected at high pressure it can bounce from the bottom of the cup and splash vertically out of the cup.

Patent, No. 4,779,571 to Row describes a system which allows watering poultry which includes a cup with a raised central plateau portion that defines a cup supply hole fed from a connecting passage. A pecking tip is present, motion of which allows water passage past said cup supply hole.

Patent, No. 5,070,817 to Momont describes a system with a back flow preventing means.

Patent 4,402,343 to Thompson et al. also describes a system with back flow preventing means therewithin.

Patent No. 4,538,791 to Wostal describes a valve mechanism for a livestock watering bowl. The valve is operated by a plunger motion.

Additional Patents which describe systems which include the presence of back-flow restricting means are:

Patent No. 4,199,000 to Edstrom Sr. et al.

Patent No. 4,282,831 to Nilsen;
Patent No. 4,187,804 to von Taschitzki;
Patent No. 4,138,967 to Tamborrino;
Patent No. 4,047,503 to Wilmont;
Patent No. 3,868,926 to Olde;
Patent No. 3,527,193 to Smith; and
Patent No. 3,505,978 to Nilsen.

As regards systems which can be activated by mechanical action to cause liquid to flow therefrom, the most relevant Patents are:

Patent No. 4,089,350 to Gustin;
Patent No. 5,003,927 to Thompson; and
Patent No. 6,003,468 to Edstrom Sr. et al.
Patent No. 3,941,094 to Nilsen Jr.

Additional Patents which describe systems for performing functionally relevant precesses are:

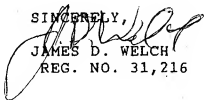
Patent No. 5,065,700 to Cross;
Patent No. 4,416,221 to Novey;
Patent No. 4,370,948 to Atkins;
Patent No. 4,819,585 to Dolan et al.
Patent No. 3,550,560 to Edstrom
Patent No. 4,320,891 to Cairns.

Additional Patents known to the Applicant are:

Patent No. 2,600,103 to Feck;
Patent No. 2,678,630 to Frederiksen;
Patent No. 3,812,823 to Ridder et al.;
Patent No. 4,187,804 to Von Taschitzki;
Patent No. 4,307,682 to Bollman;
Patent No. 4,539,938 to Maranell et al.;
Patent No. 6,073,584 to Schumacher;
Patent No. 3,941,094 to Nilsen Jr.;
Patent No. 3,550,560 to Edstrom;

Patent No. EP 0406607 to von Taschitzki;
Patent No. GB 2134765 to Mallinson.

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